

Claims:

1. A poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:  
5           at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge;  
            at least one cord;  
wherein the cord engages at least one ply of the flexible sheet material such that the  
flexible sheet material is capable of bunching on or about the cord.
- 10   2. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord is interlaced through within or above  
at least one ply of the flexible sheet material.
3. The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a first area and a second area  
wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the  
15   second area.
4. The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising packaging wherein the packaging  
activates the bunching on or about the cord.
- 20   5. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the ply of flexible sheet material has a tubular  
structure.
6. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein at least 1 ply of the flexible sheet material  
comprises at least 2 layers.
- 25   7. The poufable product of Claim 6, wherein at least one layer of the ply of the flexible  
sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than the other  
layers of flexible sheet material.
- 30   8. The poufable product of Claim 6, wherein the poufable product is a two-sided product  
wherein one layer of the flexible sheet material provides at least one different  
characteristic or property than the other layer of the flexible sheet material.
9. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet  
35   material.

10. The poufable product of Claim 9, wherein at least one ply comprises a flexible sheet material which provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of the flexible sheet material.
- 5 11. The poufable product of Claim 10, wherein the poufable product is a two-sided product wherein one ply of the flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than the other ply of the flexible sheet material.
- 10 12. The poufable product of Claim 9, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.
- 15 13. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the filament size of at least one ply of the flexible sheet material is between about 0.1 denier and about 10 denier.
14. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.
- 20 15. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the length of each ply of the flexible sheet material is about 6 feet or less.
16. The pouf product of Claim 1, wherein the width of the cord is between about 0.01 inch and about 1 inch.
- 25 17. The pouf product of Claim 1, wherein the cord comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.
- 30 18. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material adjacent at least a portion of the side edge of the flexible sheet material.
19. The pouf product of Claim 1, further comprising a cord fastener.
- 35 20. The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a mitt structure.

21. The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a handle.
22. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.
- 5 23. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flexible sheet material is breathable.
24. The poufable product of Claim 20, wherein at least the mitt structure is impermeable.
- 10 25. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material.
26. The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the cord comprises shrinkable material.
- 15 27. A poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material has opposing side edges and opposing end edges.
28. A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:
- 20 providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge and at least one cord wherein the cord engages at least one ply of the flexible sheet material such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching about the cord; and,
- 25 activating the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to bunch about the cord.
29. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is interlaced through within or above at least one ply of the flexible sheet material.
- 30 30. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing at least a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.
- 35 31. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

- 5 32. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising disengaging the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to unbunch or ungather about the cord, wherein the pouf product is returned to the poufable product.
33. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a mitt structure.
- 10 34. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.
35. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 33, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.
- 15 36. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.
- 20 37. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.
38. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.
- 25 39. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28 , wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.
- 30 40. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.
- 35 41. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet flexible sheet material adjacent at least a portion of the side edge of the flexible sheet material.

42. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising a cord fastener.
43. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.
44. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.
45. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 44, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.
46. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising securing the cord such that the flexible sheet material remains in a bunched configuration about the cord.
47. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.
48. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material.
49. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the cord comprises shrinkable material.
50. A poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching on itself.
51. The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.
52. The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

53. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the ply of flexible sheet material has a tubular structure.

5 54. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein at least 1 ply of the flexible sheet material comprises at least 2 layers.

55. The poufable product of Claim 54, wherein at least one layer of the ply of the flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than the other  
10 layers of flexible sheet material.

56. The poufable product of Claim 54, wherein the poufable product is a two-sided product wherein one layer of the flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than the other layer of the flexible sheet material.

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57. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.

58. The poufable product of Claim 57, wherein at least one ply comprises a flexible sheet material which provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of  
20 the other plies of the flexible sheet material.

59. The poufable product of Claim 58, wherein the poufable product is a two-sided product wherein one ply of the flexible sheet material provides at least one different  
25 characteristic or property than the other ply of the flexible sheet material.

60. The poufable product of Claim 57, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.

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61. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the filament size of at least one ply of the flexible sheet material is between about 0.1 denier and about 10 denier.

62. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic  
35 materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.

63. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the length of each ply of the flexible sheet material is about 6 feet or less.
- 5 64. The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising a mitt structure.
65. The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising a handle.
66. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is  
10 dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.
67. The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the flexible sheet material is breathable.
68. The poufable product of Claim 64, wherein at least the mitt structure is impermeable.  
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69. A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:  
    providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side  
        edge wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises  
20 shrinkable material; and,  
    activating the shrinkable material thereby causing the flexible sheet material to  
        bunch on itself.
70. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a  
25 first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.
71. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.  
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72. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a mitt structure.
73. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, further comprising providing a  
35 handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.

74. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.
- 5 75. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.
76. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.
- 10 77. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.
78. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69 , wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.
- 15 79. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.
- 20 80. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.
81. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.
- 25 82. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 80, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.
- 30 83. The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.